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CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1.(amended) A composition [for] consisting essentially of an alpha acid and a beta acid in a ratio that, when administered, is capable of inhibition of inducible COX-2 activity[and] while having minimal effect on COX-1 activity[, said composition comprising an effective amount of component I selected from the group consisting of alpha acids and beta acids and an effective amount of at least one component II selected from the group consisting of alpha acids, beta acids, essential oils, fats and waxes, with the proviso that component I and II are not the same compound].

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2(amended). The composition of Claim 1 wherein the [component I or II] alpha acid or beta acid is made from a hop extract prepared by CO₂ extraction.

3(amended). The composition of Claim 1 wherein the alpha acid[s are] is selected from the group consisting of[.] humulone, cohumulone, isohumulone, isoprehumulone, hulupone, adhumulone, xanthohumol A and xanthohumol B.

4(amended). The composition of Claim 1 wherein the beta acid[s are] is selected from the group consisting of lupulone, colupulone, adlupulone, tetrahydroisohumulone, and hexahydrocolupulone[,].